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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING)
THE USE OF A SMART CARD)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and the calculation of filing fees, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, immediately following the title appearing on line 1, insert the following:

--This disclosure is based upon, and claims priority from French Application No.

98/14497, filed on November 18, 1998 and International Application No.

PCT/FR99/02782, filed November 12, 1999, which was published on May 25, 2000 in a language other than English, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Background of the Invention--